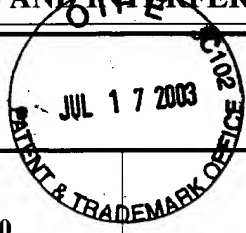


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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO  
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Docket No.  
**MED-02702/29**

In Re Application Of: **Masini**



Serial No.  
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**March 10, 2000**

Examiner  
**E. Robert**

Group Art Unit  
**3732**

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Invention: **OPTIMIZING PATELLAR FEMORAL MECHANICS THROUGH ALTERNATIVE DEPTH  
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**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:**

Applicant(s) hereby appeal(s) to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner dated **April 15, 2003** finally rejecting Claim(s) **8-16**

Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

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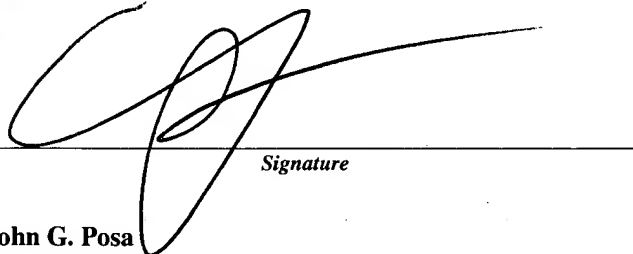
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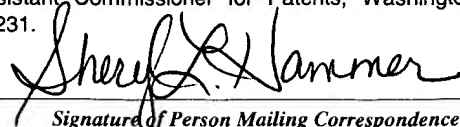


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